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My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Return you My hearty Thanks for the great Diſpatch you have given to the Publick Affairs in this Seſſion, which is an Advantage extremely Material at all times, and I Hope We ſhall find the Fruit of it this Year in the Forwardneſs of our Preparations.

I am to Thank you, *Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons*, in particular, for the great Supplies with which you Enable Me to Carry on the War; It ſhall be My Care to have them ſtrictly Applied to the Uſes, for which you have Deſign'd them, and to the beſt Advantage for the Publick Service: You have Repoſed great Confidence in Me by Allowing ſo Unuſual a Latitude, as you have done, in the Clauſe of Appropriation; I ſhall Improve all Opportunities, in the Uſe of it, for the Honour and true Intereſt of the Nation.

I muſt further take Notice to you, That the Readineſs you have ſhewn in the Proviſion made for the Prince is a very ſenſible Obligation to Me.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Deſire and Expect from you, That you make it your Buſineſs in your ſeveral Countreys, to Continue and Preſerve the Quiet and Satisfaction of all My Subjects; I Hope that ſuch of them, as have the Misfortune to Diſſent from the Church of *England*, will reſt Secure and Satisfied in the Act of Toleration, which I am firmly Reſolved to Maintain: And that all thoſe, who have the Happineſs and Advantage to be of Our Church, will Conſider, That I have had My Education in it, and that I have been willing to run great Hazards for its Preſervation, and therefore they may be very Sure, I ſhall always make it My own particular Care to Encourage and Maintain this Church as by Law Eſtabliſht, and every the leaſt Member of it, in all their Juſt Rights and Privileges; and upon all Occaſions of Promotions to any Eccleſiaſtical Dignity, I ſhall have a very Juſt Regard to ſuch, as are Eminent and Remarkable for their Piety, Learning, and Conſtant Zeal for the Church; that by this and all other Methods which ſhall be thought proper, I may Tranſmit it Securely Settled to Poſterity.

I Think it might have been for the Publick Service to have had ſome further Laws for Reſtraining the great Licence, which is Aſſumed, of Publiſhing and Spreading Scandalous Pamphlets and Libels; but as far as the preſent Laws will extend, I hope you will all do your Duty in your reſpective Stations to Prevent and Puniſh ſuch pernicious Practices.

Above all other things I do Recommend to you Peace and Union among Our Selves, as the moſt effectual Means, that can be deviſed, to Diſcourage and Defeat the Deſigns of Our Enemies.

I muſt not Conclude without Acquainting you I have given Directions, That My Part of all the Prizes, which have been or ſhall be Taken during this War, be Applied intirely to the Publick Service; and I hope My Own Revenue will not fall ſo ſhort, but that I may be able, as I deſire, to Contribute yet further to the Eaſe of My People.

And then the Lord Keeper, by Her Majeſties Command, ſaid,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is Her Majeſties Royal Will and Pleaſure, That this Parliament ſhould be Prorogued to *Thurſday* the Twenty ſecond Day of *April* next; And this Parliament is accordingly Prorogued to *Thurſday* the Twenty ſecond Day of *April* next.

FINIS.